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Substitute Senate Bill No. 892

Senate, May 14, 2003

The Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding reported through SEN. DAILY of the 33rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF STATE GRANT COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Education
- 2 having reviewed applications for state grants for public school
- 3 building projects in accordance with section 10-283 of the general
- 4 statutes on the basis of priorities for such projects and standards for
- 5 school construction established by the State Board of Education, and
- 6 having prepared a listing of all such eligible projects ranked in order of
- 7 priority, including a separate schedule of previously authorized
- 8 projects which have changed substantially in scope or cost, as
- 9 determined by said commissioner together with the amount of
- 10 estimated grant with respect to each eligible project, and having
- 11 submitted such listing of eligible projects, prior to December 15, 2002,
- 12 to a committee of the General Assembly established under section
- 13 10-283a of the general statutes for the purpose of reviewing such

14 listing, is hereby authorized to enter into grant commitments on behalf
 15 of the state in accordance with said section 10-283 with respect to the
 16 priority listing of such projects and in such estimated amounts as
 17 approved by said committee prior to February 1, 2003, as follows:

18 (1) Estimated Grant Commitments

T1	School District	Estimated	Estimated
T2	School	Project Costs	Grant
T3	Project Number		
T4			
T5	STAMFORD		
T6	Academy of Information Tech & Eng		
T7	0248 MAG/N	\$ 31,799,106	\$ 31,799,106
T8			
T9	CES		
T10	Regional Center for the Arts		
T11	0032 MAG/N	13,373,040	13,373,040
T12			
T13	BRIDGEPORT		
T14	New Harding High School		
T15	0141 N/PS	97,218,748	76,734,758
T16			
T17	FAIRFIELD		
T18	New McKinley Elementary		
T19	0103 N	21,171,000	5,822,025
T20			
T21	FAIRFIELD		
T22	New Elementary School		
T23	0104 N	21,171,000	5,822,025
T24			
T25	FAIRFIELD		
T26	New Middle School		
T27	0105 N	51,130,000	14,060,750
T28			

T29	FAIRFIELD		
T30	Ludlow M.S. Conversion to H.S.		
T31	0106 EA	46,173,000	12,697,575
T32			
T33	FAIRFIELD		
T34	Fairfield High School		
T35	0107 EA	51,660,000	14,206,500
T36			
T37	FARMINGTON		
T38	Farmington High School		
T39	0056 EA	8,800,000	2,545,840
T40			
T41	GRANBY		
T42	Wells Road Intermediate School		
T43	0047 EA	12,307,080	5,625,566
T44			
T45	GRANBY		
T46	Frank M. Kearns Primary School		
T47	0048 EA	5,983,170	2,734,907
T48			
T49	GRANBY		
T50	Kelly Lane Intermediate School		
T51	0050 EA/RR	12,120,140	5,540,116
T52			
T53	GREENWICH		
T54	Western Middle School		
T55	0108 A/CV	4,974,000	1,012,706
T56			
T57	GUILFORD		
T58	A. Baldwin Middle School		
T59	0088 E	6,840,000	2,271,564
T60			
T61	KILLINGLY		
T62	New Killingly High School		
T63	0059 N	69,020,313	51,516,762

T64			
T65	KILLINGLY		
T66	New Regional Vo-Ag Center		
T67	0060 VA/N	14,317,000	14,317,000
T68			
T69	LEBANON		
T70	Lebanon Elementary School		
T71	0050 EA/RR	15,600,000	9,526,920
T72			
T73	MADISON		
T74	Town Kindergarten Center		
T75	0058 N	1,493,916	437,568
T76			
T77	MILFORD		
T78	Orange Avenue School		
T79	0163 E/EC	5,000,000	2,214,500
T80			
T81	NEW CANAAN		
T82	New Canaan High School		
T83	0044 EA	54,476,454	10,895,291
T84			
T85	NEW HARTFORD		
T86	New Hartford Elementary School		
T87	0031 EA	1,980,480	1,060,943
T88			
T89	NEWINGTON		
T90	Newington High School		
T91	0092 EA	1,000,000	546,400
T92			
T93	NORTH HAVEN		
T94	New North Haven High School		
T95	0046 N	67,654,432	22,955,149
T96			
T97	OLD SAYBROOK		
T98	Kathleen E. Goodwin School		

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T99	0034 EA	249,500	73,952
T100			
T101	SHELTON		
T102	Altern. Educ. Prog. @ Intermed.		
T103	0076 A	966,100	396,777
T104			
T105	TOLLAND		
T106	New Tolland High School		
T107	0069 N/PS	67,521,438	37,379,868
T108			
T109	TRUMBULL		
T110	C.E.S./Trumbull Preschool		
T111	0097 A/CV	2,727,390	857,219
T112			
T113	WESTBROOK		
T114	Westbrook High School		
T115	0020 EA	26,351,000	8,187,256
T116			
T117	CES		
T118	C.E.S./Trumbull Preschool		
T119	0029 SP/N	15,096,480	15,096,480
T120			
T121	VT SCHOOLS		
T122	H.H. Ellis VT School		
T123	0009 VT/EA	39,350,000	39,350,000
T124			
T125	VT SCHOOLS		
T126	J.M. Wright VT School		
T127	0010 VT/EA	30,794,000	30,794,000
T128			
T129	LEBANON		
T130	Lebanon Middle School		
T131	0051 EA/RR	8,500,000	5,190,950
T132			
T133	MANCHESTER		

T134	Waddell School		
T135	0160 A/TCH	121,450	72,870
T136			
T137	MANCHESTER		
T138	Illing Middle School		
T139	0161 A/TCH	152,440	91,464
T140			
T141	MANCHESTER		
T142	Manchester High School		
T143	0162 A/TCH	253,335	152,001
T144			
T145	MANCHESTER		
T146	Keeney School		
T147	0163 A/TCH	121,950	73,170
T148			
T149	MANCHESTER		
T150	Nathan Hale School		
T151	0164 A/TCH	124,940	74,964
T152			
T153	MANCHESTER		
T154	Buckley School		
T155	0165 A/TCH	135,945	81,567
T156			
T157	MANCHESTER		
T158	Bentley Alternative Education		
T159	0166 A/TCH	106,955	64,173
T160			
T161	MANCHESTER		
T162	Bennet Middle School		
T163	0167 A/TCH	151,940	91,164
T164			
T165	MANCHESTER		
T166	Washington School		
T167	0168 A/TCH	215,325	129,195
T168			

T169	MANCHESTER		
T170	Bowers School		
T171	0169 A/TCH	135,945	81,567
T172			
T173	MANCHESTER		
T174	Verplanck School		
T175	0170 A/TCH	147,940	88,764
T176			
T177	MANCHESTER		
T178	Robertson School		
T179	0171 A/TCH	132,460	79,476
T180			
T181	MANCHESTER		
T182	Martin School		
T183	0172 A/TCH	122,950	73,770
T184			
T185	MANCHESTER		
T186	Highland Park School		
T187	0173 A/TCH	121,950	73,170
T188			
T189	MANCHESTER		
T190	Manchester Regional Academy		
T191	0174 A/TCH	105,965	63,579
T192			
T193	MANCHESTER		
T194	Illing Middle School		
T195	0179 EA/CV	13,938,714	8,363,228
T196			
T197	MANCHESTER		
T198	Martin School		
T199	0180 E/CV	1,374,230	824,538
T200			
T201	MANCHESTER		
T202	Manchester High School		
T203	9181 A/CV	10,722,937	6,433,762

T204			
T205	NEW FAIRFIELD		
T206	Consolidated School		
T207	0038 A/TCH	136,833	48,863
T208			
T209	NEW HAVEN		
T210	Christopher Columbus School		
T211	0348 EA/RR	15,269,961	12,160,997
T212			
T213	NEW HAVEN		
T214	Sheridan Middle School		
T215	0349 A/RR	23,793,602	18,949,225
T216			
T217	NEWINGTON		
T218	Newington High School		
T219	0085 A/CV	4,000,000	2,185,600
T220			
T221	NEWINGTON		
T222	Elizabeth Green School		
T223	0086 EA	14,000,000	7,649,600
T224			
T225	NEWINGTON		
T226	John Wallace Middle School		
T227	0087 EA	500,000	273,200
T228			
T229	NEWINGTON		
T230	John Wallace Middle School		
T231	0088 A/CV	400,000	218,560
T232			
T233	NEWINGTON		
T234	Ruth Chaffee School		
T235	089 EA/RR	15,000,000	8,196,000
T236			
T237	NEWINGTON		
T238	Martin Kellogg Middle School		

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T239	0090 A/CV	500,000	273,200
T240			
T241	NEWINGTON		
T242	Martin Kellogg Middle School		
T243	0091 EA	500,000	273,200
T244			
T245	PLYMOUTH		
T246	Harry S. Fisher School		
T247	0051 A	1,600,000	1,148,640
T248			
T249	SHELTON		
T250	Booth Hill School		
T251	0078 EA	4,596,900	1,887,947
T252			
T253	SHELTON		
T254	Shelton High School		
T255	0079 EA/RR	25,087,200	10,303,313
T256			
T257	STAMFORD		
T258	Dolan School		
T259	0236 A/TCH	181,090	50,452
T260			
T261	STAMFORD		
T262	Turn of River School		
T263	0237 A/TCH	187,740	52,304
T264			
T265	STAMFORD		
T266	Cloonan School		
T267	0240 A/TCH	143,781	40,057
T268			
T269	STAMFORD		
T270	Springdale School		
T271	0241 A/TCH	60,200	16,772
T272			
T273	STAMFORD		

T274	Westhill High School		
T275	0242 A/TCH	172,500	48,059
T276			
T277	STAMFORD		
T278	Northeast School		
T279	0243 A/TCH	70,200	19,558
T280			
T281	STAMFORD		
T282	Rippowam School		
T283	0244 A/TCH	172,500	48,059
T284			
T285	STAMFORD		
T286	Cloonan School		
T287	0245 A/TCH	172,500	48,059
T288			
T289	STAMFORD		
T290	Stamford High School		
T291	0246 A/TCH	172,500	48,059
T292			
T293	STAMFORD		
T294	Stillmeadow School		
T295	0247 A/TCH	70,200	19,558
T296			
T297	VERNON		
T298	Rockville High School Vo-Ag		
T299	0119 VE	35,600	35,600
T300			
T301	VERNON		
T302	Lake Street School		
T303	0120 A/TCH	36,000	25,330
T304			
T305	VERNON		
T306	Skinner Road School		
T307	0121 A/TCH	29,000	20,404
T308			

T309	WALLINGFORD		
T310	Lyman Hall High School Vo-Ag		
T311	0146 VE	478,450	478,450
T312			
T313	WATERFORD		
T314	Quaker Hill Elementary School		
T315	0092 EA	5,653,300	1,392,973
T316			
T317	WATERFORD		
T318	Great Neck Elementary School		
T319	0093 EA/RR	9,024,100	2,223,538
T320			
T321	WATERFORD		
T322	Cohanzie Elementary School		
T323	0094 EA	5,273,200	1,299,316
T324			
T325	WATERFORD		
T326	Southwest Elementary School		
T327	0095 EA/RR	7,175,400	1,768,019
T328			
T329	WATERFORD		
T330	Oswegatchie Elem. School		
T331	0096 EA/RR	8,054,600	1,984,653
T332			
T333	WEST HARTFORD		
T334	Bugbee School		
T335	0197 EA	750,000	291,975
T336			
T337	WINCHESTER		
T338	Mary P. Hinsdale School		
T339	0036 EA	575,940	396,995
T340			
T341	WOLCOTT		
T342	Wolcott High School		
T343	0071 A	115,000	72,692

T344			
T345	REGIONAL DISTRICT 6		
T346	Wamogo Regional Vo-Ag		
T347	0044 VE	284,737	284,737
T348			
T349	REGIONAL DISTRICT 7		
T350	Northwestern Regional Vo-Ag		
T351	0029 VA/E	663,275	663,275
T352			
T353	REGIONAL DISTRICT 14		
T354	Nonnewaug Regional Vo-Ag		
T355	0084 VA/E	113,700	113,700
T356			
T357	REGIONAL DISTRICT 17		
T358	Haddam Elementary School		
T359	0042 A	121,026	60,513
T360			
T361	GRANBY		
T362	Granby Memorial Middle School		
T363	0049 A/RR	2,337,150	1,068,311
T364			
T365	HARTLAND		
T366	Hartland Elementary School		
T367	0013 A	50,000	27,145
T368			
T369	MILFORD		
T370	Simon Lake School		
T371	0162 EC	525,000	232,523
T372			
T373	MILFORD		
T374	Live Oaks School		
T375	0164 EC	525,000	232,523
T376			
T377	NEWINGTON		
T378	New Central Administration		

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T379	0093 BE/N	5,000,000	1,366,000
T380			
T381	SHELTON		
T382	Central Admin. @ Intermed.		
T383	0077 BE/ A	1,934,500	397,250
T384			
T385	TOLLAND		
T386	Parker Memorial School		
T387	0068 EC	126,664	70,121
T388			
T389	WESTON		
T390	Hurlbutt Elementary School		
T391	0047 EC	600,000	128,580
T392			
T393	CES		
T394	CES Administrative Center		
T395	0031 BE/ PF	6,250,000	2,522,500

19 (2) Previously Authorized Projects Which Have Changed
20 Substantially in Scope or Cost

T396	School District	Authorized	Requested
T397	School		
T398	Project Number		
T399			
T400	DANBURY		
T401	Academy for International Studies		
T402	034-0124 MAG/N		
T403			
T404	Estimated...		
T405	Total Project Costs	\$ 14,000,000	\$ 17,500,000
T406	Total Grant	14,000,000	17,500,000
T407			
T408	DANBURY		
T409	Danbury High School		
T410	034-0125 EA		
T411			

T412	Estimated...		
T413	Total Project Costs	9,350,000	12,903,849
T414	Total Grant	4,374,865	6,037,711
T415			
T416	EAST HARTFORD		
T417	International Baccalaureate Academy		
T418	043-0223 MAG/N		
T419			
T420	Estimated...		
T421	Total Project Costs	13,693,357	14,193,357
T422	Total Grant	13,693,457	14,193,357
T423			
T424	FARMINGTON		
T425	Farmington High School		
T426	052-0055 EC		
T427			
T428	Estimated...		
T429	Total Project Costs	284,000	404,000
T430	Total Grant	81,139	115,423
T431			
T432	GROTON		
T433	New Eastern Point Elementary		
T434	059-0168 N		
T435			
T436	Estimated...		
T437	Total Project Costs	18,676,000	21,664,000
T438	Total Grant	13,286,106	15,411,770
T439			
T440	GUILFORD		
T441	New Middle School		
T442	060-0086 N		
T443			
T444	Estimated...		
T445	Total Project Costs	30,038,784	41,595,000
T446	Total Grant	10,084,020	13,963,442
T447			
T448	MANCHESTER		
T449	New Manchester High School		
T450	077-0158 N		
T451			
T452	Estimated...		
T453	Total Project Costs	126,610,445	33,476,967

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T454	Total Grant	82,296,789	21,760,029
T455			
T456	NORWALK		
T457	Brookside Elementary		
T458	103-0197 EA		
T459			
T460	Estimated...		
T461	Total Project Costs	10,363,549	14,800,000
T462	Total Grant	3,589,933	5,126,720
T463			
T464	PLAINVILLE		
T465	New Linden Street School		
T466	110-0057 N		
T467			
T468	Estimated...		
T469	Total Project Costs	24,278,426	21,873,909
T470	Total Grant	15,174,016	13,671,193
T471			
T472	STAMFORD		
T473	Rippowam Center		
T474	135-0203 A/CV		
T475			
T476	Estimated...		
T477	Total Project Costs	18,763,363	21,720,000
T478	Total Grant	12,329,406	14,272,212
T479			
T480	STAMFORD		
T481	Westhill High School (Vo-Ag)		
T482	135-0219 VA/N		
T483			
T484	Estimated...		
T485	Total Project Costs	9,007,038	10,341,071
T486	Total Grant	9,007,038	10,341,071
T487			
T488	STONINGTON		
T489	Stonington High School		
T490	137-0046 EA/RR		
T491			
T492	Estimated...		
T493	Total Project Costs	24,000,000	39,683,730
T494	Total Grant	8,743,200	14,456,783
T495			

T496	THOMASTON		
T497	Thomaston High School		
T498	140-0034 A		
T499			
T500	Estimated...		
T501	Total Project Costs	35,083,911	11,655,425
T502	Total Grant	21,552,047	7,159,928
T503			
T504	TRUMBULL		
T505	New Trumbull Elementary		
T506	144-0095 N		
T507			
T508	Estimated...		
T509	Total Project Costs	28,225,000	33,180,000
T510	Total Grant	8,972,728	10,547,922
T511			
T512	WESTON		
T513	New Intermediate School		
T514	157-0042 N		
T515			
T516	Estimated...		
T517	Total Project Costs	23,397,232	28,070,000
T518	Total Grant	5,014,027	6,015,401
T519			
T520	WESTON		
T521	Weston High School		
T522	157-0043 EA/RR		
T523			
T524	Estimated...		
T525	Total Project Costs	35,809,991	38,103,480
T526	Total Grant	7,674,081	8,165,576
T527			
T528	REGIONAL DISTRICT #9		
T529	Joel Barlow High School		
T530	209-0009 EA		
T531			
T532	Estimated...		
T533	Total Project Costs	27,216,932	33,066,768
T534	Total Grant	7,582,637	9,212,402
T535			
T536	ACES		
T537	Collaborative Alternative		

T538	Magnet School		
T539	244-0026 MAG		
T540			
T541	Estimated...		
T542	Total Project Costs	6,335,785	6,561,818
T543	Total Grant	6,335,785	6,561,818
T544			
T545	ACES		
T546	Magnet Center for the Arts		
T547	244-0027 MAG/P		
T548			
T549	Estimated...		
T550	Total Project Costs	10,216,675	10,522,250
T551	Total Grant	10,216,675	10,522,250
T552			
T553	LEARN		
T554	Mago Point Marine		
T555	Science/ Aquaculture Magnet		
T556	245-0087 MAG/N		
T557			
T558	Estimated...		
T559	Total Project Costs	12,393,562	24,928,074
T560	Total Grant	12,393,562	24,928,074
T561			
T562	WALLINGFORD		
T563	Moses Y. Beach Elementary School		
T564	148-0134 EA		
T565			
T566	Estimated...		
T567	Total Project Costs	6,196,554	5,784,000
T568	Total Grant	3,341,802	3,119,311
T569			
T570	WALLINGFORD		
T571	Cook Hill Elementary School		
T572	148-0135 EA		
T573			
T574	Estimated...		
T575	Total Project Costs	2,472,012	5,068,000
T576	Total Grant	1,333,156	2,733,172
T577			
T578	WALLINGFORD		
T579	Highland Elementary School		

T580	148-0136 EA		
T581			
T582	Estimated...		
T583	Total Project Costs	2,721,600	5,348,000
T584	Total Grant	1,467,759	2,884,176
T585			
T586	WALLINGFORD		
T587	Parker Farms Elementary School		
T588	148-0137 EA		
T589			
T590	Estimated...		
T591	Total Project Costs	2,226,312	3,370,000
T592	Total Grant	1,200,650	1,817,441
T593			
T594	WALLINGFORD		
T595	Pond Hill Elementary School		
T596	148-0138 EA		
T597			
T598	Estimated...		
T599	Total Project Costs	1,967,080	3,876,000
T600	Total Grant	1,060,846	2,090,327
T601			
T602	WALLINGFORD		
T603	Rock Hill Elementary School		
T604	148-0139 EA		
T605			
T606	Estimated...		
T607	Total Project Costs	2,894,400	5,290,000
T608	Total Grant	1,560,950	2,852,897
T609			
T610	WALLINGFORD		
T611	Stevens Elementary School		
T612	148-0140 EA		
T613			
T614	Estimated...		
T615	Total Project Costs	2,414,600	4,784,000
T616	Total Grant	1,302,194	2,580,011
T617			
T618	WALLINGFORD		
T619	Lyman Hall High School		
T620	148-0141 EA		
T621			

T622	Estimated...		
T623	Total Project Costs	9,283,140	13,880,000
T624	Total Grant	5,006,397	7,485,484
T625			
T626	WALLINGFORD		
T627	Mark T. Sheehan High School		
T628	148-0142 EA		
T629			
T630	Estimated...		
T631	Total Project Costs	5,724,540	10,063,000
T632	Total Grant	3,087,244	5,426,976
T633			
T634	WALLINGFORD		
T635	James J. Moran Middle School		
T636	148-0143 EA		
T637			
T638	Estimated...		
T639	Total Project Costs	2,031,631	2,111,000
T640	Total Grant	1,095,659	1,138,462
T641			
T642	WALLINGFORD		
T643	Dag Hammarskjold Middle School		
T644	148-0144 A		
T645			
T646	Estimated...		
T647	Total Project Costs	2,175,174	2,554,000
T648	Total Grant	1,173,071	1,377,372

21 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
22 section 10-292 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the
23 State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let out until plans
24 and specifications have been approved by the Department of
25 Education's school facilities unit, the town of Darien may let out for
26 bid on and commence a project for the removal of floor tiles containing
27 asbestos (Project Number 035-108 CV) at Ox Ridge Elementary School
28 and shall be eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant
29 commitment from the state, provided plans and specifications have
30 been approved by the Department of Education's school facilities unit.

31 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
32 section 10-292 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the
33 State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let out until plans
34 and specifications have been approved by the Department of
35 Education's school facilities unit, the town of South Windsor may let
36 out for bid on and commence a project for asbestos abatement (Project
37 Number 132-072 CV) at Orchard Hill Elementary School and shall be
38 eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from
39 the state, provided plans and specifications have been approved by the
40 Department of Education's school facilities unit.

41 Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
42 section 10-292 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the
43 State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let out until plans
44 and specifications have been approved by the Department of
45 Education's school facilities unit, the town of Plainville may let out for
46 bid on and commence a project for asbestos abatement (Project
47 Number 110-056 CV) at Louis Toffolon School and shall be eligible to
48 subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state,
49 provided plans and specifications have been approved by the
50 Department of Education's school facilities unit.

51 Sec. 5. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
52 sections 10-283 and 10-284 of the general statutes or any regulations
53 adopted by the State Board of Education requiring that local legislative
54 authorizations be obtained within one year after the authorization by
55 the General Assembly of a grant commitment or requiring that the
56 town begin constructing within two years after the effective date of the
57 act of the General Assembly authorizing the Commissioner of
58 Education to enter into grant commitments for such projects, the town
59 of Wallingford shall have until June 30, 2004, to authorize and until
60 June 30, 2005, to begin construction on the projects at Moses Y. Beach
61 Elementary School, Cook Hill Elementary, Highland Elementary
62 School, Parker Farms Elementary School, Pond Hill Elementary School,
63 Rock Hill Elementary School, Stevens Elementary School, Lyman Hall
64 High School, Mark T. Sheehan High School, James J. Moran Middle

65 School and Dag Hammarskjold Middle School (Project Numbers 148-
66 134 EA, 148-135 EA, 148-136 EA, 148-137 EA, 148-138 EA, 148-139 EA,
67 148-140 EA, 148-141 EA, 148-142 EA, 148-143 EA and 148-144 A) and
68 shall be eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant commitment
69 from the state.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>

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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	Out-years
Education, Dept.	Bonding - Cost	\$488.7 million

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	Out-years
All Municipalities	Revenue Gain	\$488.7 million

Explanation

Section 1 of the bill authorizes the State Board of Education to enter into school construction grant commitments for 98 projects totaling approximately \$543.0 million. Additionally the bill includes 31 previously authorized projects that have changed in scope. The changes in scope reduce state grant commitments by approximately \$25.8 million.

Sections 2,3 and 4 of the bill permit certain towns to let out for bid and commence projects prior to project plans and specifications being approved by the State Department of Education and still be eligible for future state grant commitments. Finally section 5 of the bill extends deadlines for obtaining local approval and beginning construction on numerous projects in Wallingford and allows for the future consideration of state grant commitments.

The total value of the new grant commitments contained in section 1 of the bill is \$543.0 million. Assuming that 10% of the projects will be delayed, scaled back or cancelled it is estimated that the state's payments for its portion of local school construction projects will be approximately, \$488.7 million.

Since the state issues general obligation bonds to finance annual school construction payments, the estimated debt service cost on between \$488.7 million and \$543.0 million in principal over the next twenty years, at an interest rate of 5.5%, is between, \$282.2 million and \$313.6 million.

OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 892

AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF STATE GRANT COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS**SUMMARY:**

This bill:

1. authorizes \$543 million in state grant commitments for 98 school building projects of various types;
2. reauthorizes 31 previously authorized school construction projects that have changed more than 10% in scope or cost, reducing total grant commitments for the projects by \$25.8 million; and
3. waives certain procedural requirements for 14 projects in four school districts to allow them to be eligible for state school construction grants.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS***New Project Authorizations***

Table 1 shows authorizations for the 98 school building projects.

Table 1: 2003 School Projects By Type

<i>Number of Projects</i>	<i>Project Type</i>	<i>Estimated Total Cost</i>	<i>Estimated Total State Grants</i>
2	Interdistrict magnet schools	\$45,172,146	\$45,172,146
8	New schools	396,380,847	214,728,904
28	Combined extensions and alterations	370,600,139	137,297,171
13	Alterations	52,307,205	32,704,350
3	Extensions	13,214,230	5,310,602
3	Local board of education administrative facilities	13,184,500	4,285,750
28	Technology upgrades	3,756,534	1,776,425
4	Energy conservation	1,776,664	663,746
1	Regional Special Education Centers	15,096,480	15,096,480
6	Regional Vocational-Agriculture Centers	15,892,762	15,892,762
2	Regional Vocational-Technical Schools	70,144,000	70,144,000

<i>Number of Projects</i>	<i>Project Type</i>	<i>Estimated Total Cost</i>	<i>Estimated Total State Grants</i>
98		\$997,525,507	\$543,072,336

Project Reauthorizations

The bill reauthorizes 31 previously authorized projects that have changed substantially (more than 10%) in scope or cost as shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Reauthorized Projects

<i>Number of Projects</i>	<i>Costs Previously Authorized</i>	<i>Current Costs</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>Estimated Grant Impact</i>
31	\$509,182,527	\$498,371,698	(\$10,810,829)	(\$25,801,486)

PROCEDURAL WAIVERS

The bill exempts projects in Darien, Plainville, and South Windsor projects from the requirement that the State Department of Education (SDE) approve plans and specifications before the project is let out for bid, as long as SDE approves the plans and specifications afterward. For various Wallingford projects, it extends the local funding authorization deadline to June 30, 2004 and the construction starting deadline to June 30, 2005 (see Table 3).

Table 3: Projects Receiving Waivers

<i>Section</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Project</i>
2	Darien	Ox Ridge	Remove asbestos floor tiles
3	South Windsor	Orchard Hill	Asbestos abatement
4	Plainville	Louis Toffolon	Asbestos abatement
5	Wallingford	Moses Y. Beach	Extension/alteration
5	Wallingford	Cook Hill	Extension/alteration
5	Wallingford	Highland	Extension/alteration
5	Wallingford	Parker Farms	Extension/alteration
5	Wallingford	Pond Hill	Extension/alteration
5	Wallingford	Rock Hill	Extension/alteration
5	Wallingford	Stevens	Extension/alteration
5	Wallingford	Lyman Hall High	Extension/alteration
5	Wallingford	Mark T. Sheehan High	Extension/alteration
5	Wallingford	James J. Moran Middle	Extension/alteration
5	Wallingford	Dag Hammarskjold Middle	Extension/alteration

BACKGROUND

State School Construction Grants

The state reimburses school districts for 20% to 80% of eligible school construction costs, depending on wealth. Certain types of projects are eligible for a 5% or 10% bonus. In addition, the state pays 100% of the costs for vocational-technical schools and for interdistrict magnet schools, regional vocational agriculture centers, and regional special education facilities, and 50% of the district's usual reimbursement rate for administrative facilities. Starting in 2004, the reimbursement rate for interdistrict magnet schools and regional special education and vocational agriculture centers will drop to 95%.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 28 Nay 0

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 44 Nay 0